

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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<i>Plaintiff,</i>	:	
	:	
v.	:	Civil Action No. 19-0519
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SAFEHOUSE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit	:	
corporation;	:	
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JOSE BENITEZ, as President and	:	
Treasurer of Safehouse,	:	
	:	
<i>Defendants.</i>	:	
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SAFEHOUSE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit	:	
corporation,	:	
	:	
<i>Counterclaim Plaintiff,</i>	:	
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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<i>Counterclaim Defendant,</i>	:	
	:	
and	:	
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;	:	
MERRICK B. GARLAND, in his official	:	
capacity as Attorney General of the United	:	
States; and JACQUELINE C. ROMERO,	:	
in her official capacity as U.S. Attorney	:	
for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania	:	
	:	
<i>Third-Party Defendants.</i>	:	

STIPULATED SCHEDULING ORDER

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, when the parties appeared before the Court, they announced that discussions were underway to explore a possible amicable resolution of this matter. The discussions to date, addressing a novel and complex subject matter, have been and continue to be productive.

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2022, the Department of Justice publicly stated that it is “evaluating supervised consumption sites, including discussions with state and local regulators about appropriate guardrails for such sites, as part of an overall approach to harm reduction and public safety.”¹ Those discussions have continued, and the United States believes additional time is necessary to permit careful consideration of the government’s harm reduction and public safety goals.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the counsel for the parties as follows:

1. The parties request a status conference call with the Court the week of November 14, 2022.
2. The United States shall respond to Safehouse’s Amended Counterclaims for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief by December 4, 2022, by way of answer and/or appropriate Rule 12 motion.
3. Safehouse shall file any brief in opposition by December 22, 2022.
4. The United States shall file any reply by January 6, 2023.

¹ <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/593212-justice-department-to-evaluate-providing-safe-havens-for-drug-use>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved this 22nd day of September 2022.

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United States District Judge